



## SOCIAL STUDIES

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## UNIT 3 – Family Types and Unions in the Caribbean Situations

### Terms Connected to Marriage

#### INTRODUCTION

Note that while there are different forms of marriage, there are also different forms of residence for couples.

#### OBJECTIVES

At the end of this lesson you will be able to:

- a) identify and describe the different forms of residence for married couples
- b) describe families based on who are the authority figures
- c) write explanations for the concepts of “lineage” and “kinship”



#### RESOURCES

- a. Modules in Social Studies – Ramsawack & Umraw – pg 36
- b. Study Guide – pg 8

#### FORMS OF RESIDENCE

Forms of residence are identified based on where the couple chooses to live after marriage. If the couple moves away from their respective families to live on their own, this is an example of the **NEOLOCAL** residence.

If the couple moves in with the groom’s relatives or even close to them, this is an example of a **PATRILOCAL** residence. In earlier years, this was common among East Indians in Trinidad.

If on the other hand, they live near the relatives of the bride or move in with them, this is a **MATRILOCAL** residence.

## AUTHORITY IN THE FAMILY

The head of the household or the authority figure is responsible for making the decisions in the family. The following terms are used to describe families based on who holds the authority.

- Matriarchal family - mother or grandmother holds authority
- Patriarchal family - when father or grandfather holds the authority
- Egalitarian family - when both mother and father share the authority

## LINEAGE / KINSHIP

- i. Lineage – This is a group whose members trace themselves from known common ancestors e.g. from a particular continent or a particular race.
- ii. Kinship on the other hand defines the nature of the relationship between people. Kinship or family relationships may be traced through the male or female line or both.
- iii. The original family from which you originated is the Consanguine family (related by blood).
- iv. The family related by marriage is called the Conjugal family.



### ACTIVITY 1

Match the authority figure on the left with the family on the right by using lines to connect them:

father/grandfather

egalitarian family

mother/grandmother

matriarchal family

both parents

patriarchal family

## FOLLOW UP

Discussion Re: privileges and duties of descent.



## ACTIVITY 2

### ASSIGNMENT

#### Tracing Kinship

This is an opportunity for you to know more about your ancestors and other relatives.

1. From your older family members, find out who your relations are.
2. Plot this information on a family tree. (You may choose either maternal or paternal side of the family).